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Hospital Corps Force Report

Director, Hospital Corps

Greetings Navy Medicine,

The USNS Comfort recently embarked on a 11-week medical support mission to Central and South America as part of the Enduring Promise initiative. Working with partners in Ecuador, Peru, Colombia and Honduras, the team comprised of 900 plus shipmates, Non Government Organization and partner nation medical providers and support staff will provide care to relieve pressure on host nation medical systems caused by increased migration. The deployment reflects the enduring promise of friendship, partnership and solidarity with the Americas.

I recently had the opportunity to visit some Search and Rescue Medical Technicians (L00A) in NAS Key West, NAS Fallon, and Naval Base Guam. The SMT teams showed exceptional acumen and their motivation level is through the roof. Their medical skills and dedication to the health of the Aviation community is remarkable, it was an absolute pleasure to meet with each of you and I look forward to seeing you in the future!

A great opportunity exists to impact the future of Navy Medicine and the Navy as a whole. PERS-407 (HM Detailing) is looking for a highly qualified 0000/L03A E-5/E-6's to join the team, specifically those transferring from a sea duty billet. Contact your Command Career Counselor and Detailer for more information in regards to package submission and requirements.

Lastly, this month also marks the 243rd birthday of our Brothers in arms, the United States Marine Corps. Many of us have had the significant honor to serve alongside or will have the opportunity to serve with them in the future. Take the time to share in this rich tradition of history which has shaped our world! Semper Fi!

Respectfully,

Force

Hosea Smith, Jr.

FORCM(SW/EXW/FMF)

Director, Hospital Corps

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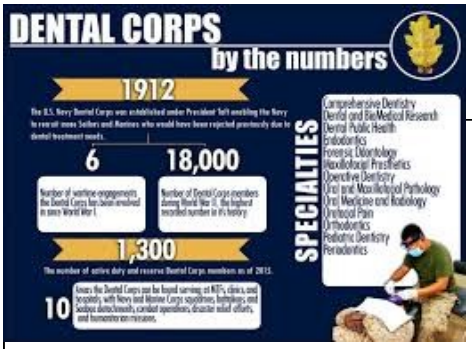
HM Learning and Development Road Map (LaDR) Update

Be sure to review recent updates to the HM LaDR as of September 2018 to keep you steady on your climb to success! Visit: https://www.mnp.navy.mil/group/enlisted-learning-and-development-ladr/hospital-corpsman-rating

HM Advancement Exam Readiness Review (AERR)

Have you ever considered writing the advancement exam for our Hospital Corps? If you are a HMC or above, here's a great opportunity! The HM AERR will take place 14-27 July 2019 at the Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center (NETPDC) in Pensacola, FL. Our office welcomes all applicants including PMT, Dental, IDC, Medical Laboratory and Pharmacy Technicians for a total of six HM representatives and two alternates. If you are interested, contact HMCS Leonor Casiano at leonor.m.casiano.mil@mail.mil.



The Dental Huddle for Patient Safety

The word Huddle gets tossed around quite frequently now a days across Navy Medicine. We are taught what a Huddle is in Team STEPPS, only to then turn around and find the term Huddle being used to describe just about any meeting you may have. There are Facility Huddles with all hands in clinic. There are Department Huddles with entire departments. Sometimes the Ad-hoc Huddle from Team STEPPS is required. But there is one Huddle type that is the most crucial for those in dentistry: the Dental Huddle.

The Dental Huddle is a daily morning meeting between the provider and his/her assigned assistant(s) which is part of the schedule and occurs at the same time every day. This daily meeting, which will last 5-7 minutes at most, gives the team members a chance to review the plan of the day, particularly looking for any opportunities where a patient safety risk/event could occur. Is all equipment available and functioning? Does any team member have a meeting or an appointment that could be a distraction? Does the schedule match what we see on the records? Is there anything that may prevent us from giving our undivided attention to the patient today? Questions such as these can be answered by the Dental Huddle. The Huddles Working Group has spent the last six months focusing on defining Huddles for Dental and creating a Huddles Checklist, in consult with the Sigonella Quality Team, to be used across the Navy Medicine enterprise. This checklist, along with additional information on Huddles, will be rolled-out during Dental Patient Safety Stand Downs.

Enlisted Technical Leader (ETL) Corner

*Congratulations to HMCS(SW/FMF) Randall Connolly from Afloat Training group Mayport selected as the new Surface Force Independent Duty Corpsman (NEC L10A) ETL!
HMCS Connolly can be reached at: randall.connolly@navy.mil.

- Our office is currently accepting applications for Urology Technician (L25A) as well as a Radiology Technician (L17A) Enlisted Technical Leaders.

For further guidance, refer to BUMEDINST 5420.13D.

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NEC in the Spotlight: Mammography Tech (L23A)

HMC Perez conducts a mammogram for a patient at Naval Hospital Pensacola, FL.

Operates medical radiology equipment in performance of all mammographic examinations. Produces high quality mammographic diagnostic images in a timely manner while providing excellent patient care for appropriate study and diagnosis. Mammography Technologists maintain certification through the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and the Food and Drug Administration. L23A NEC may be assigned to Advanced X-ray Technicians (L17A) who have successfully completed a BUMED recognized mammography course and are mammography certified. Applicants must submit a Command endorsed NAVPERS 1221/6 to PERS-325, Enlisted Community Managers (ECM) for review and approval.

Only individuals holding NEC code L17A are eligible for L23A.

Non-Resident Training Courses and Rate Training Manuals have moved to Navy E-Learning

For more info paste the link below into your address bar.

https://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=107161

URGENT need for SUB IDC (NEC L01A)

An "alternative training pipeline" to provide the knowledge and skills for the "best qualified" to Submarine IDC school (NEC L01A) to perform clinical and administrative functions as the Medical Department Representative aboard submarines independent of a Medical Officer. Historically, L01A have experienced great advancement rates and monetary benefits including but not limited to, reenlistment bonuses and submarine pay. HM2s to HMCs with the drive and determination are eligible to apply for the 58-week course conducted at the Naval Undersea Medical Institute (NUMI) in Groton, CT.

See your Command Career Counselor for information on package submission.

NAVAL ADMINISTRATIVE (NAVADMIN) MESSAGES

NAVADMIN 236/18: Post-9/11 GI Bill Updates Part 2
https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/messages/Documents/NAVADMINS/NAV2018/nav18236.txt

NAVADMIN 233/18: Uniform Policy and uniform Initiative Update
https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/messages/Documents/NAVADMINS/NAV2018/NAV18233.txt

NAVADMIN 232/18: MyNavy Career Center Beta Launch
https://www.public.navy.mil/bupers-npc/reference/messages/Documents/NAVADMINS/NAV2018/NAV18232.txt

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In Remembrance

HM2 Allan Espiritu, 28, died 1 NOV 05, from an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations in the vicinity of Ar Ramadi, Iraq.

HM3 Julian Woods, 22, died 10 NOV 04, as a result of hostile fire in Fallujah, Iraq.

You will never be forgotten!

Fair Winds and Following Seas

These dedicated Navy leaders will be piped ashore this month - We all hope the next chapter of your lives is even more rewarding.

HM1 Rodger Barrera 30NOV18
HMCS Matthew Bonnett 30NOV18
HMC Ronald Bryan 30NOV18
HM1 Christopher Cretchain 30NOV18
HM1 Sean Hopson 30NOV18
HMC Rosalyn Krug 30NOV18
HM1 February Martinez 30NOV18
HMC Casey Payne 30NOV18
HMC Kathleen Pierce 30NOV18
HMC Vidal Quintanar 30NOV18
HMC Albert Ramirez 30NOV18
HMC Tonya Ramsey 30NOV18
HMCS Thomas Ruffner 30NOV18
HMC Jason Seeforth 30NOV18
HMC Paul Sexton 30NOV18

OSCM Derek Newell, 30NOV18
30 years of dedicated service!!!

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